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SUBJECT: SPANISH CP LEADERS SPEAK IN GENEVA

1. THE SWISS LABOR (COMMUNIST) PART ON JUNE 23 SPONSORED A RALLY IN GENEVA FOR THE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH ATTRACTED A CROWD OF ABOUT 15,000 SPANISH EXILES WHO ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED THE SPANISH CP PRESIDENT DOLORES IBARRURI AND SEC GEN SANTIAGO CARILLO.

2. THE SPANISH CP LEADERS GOT AROUND THE SWISS GOVERNMENT'S PROHIBITION AGAINST POLITICAL SPEECHES BY FOREIGNERS AT THE RALLY BY PRERECORDING THEIR ADDRESSES WHICH WERE THEN BROADCAST. BOTH VIOLATED THE PROHIBITION BY ADDING A FEW COMMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE DISCIPLINED AUDIENCE.

3. THE SPEECHES BY IBARRURI AND CARILLO FOCUSED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE OF THE SPANISH MILITARY FORCES IN FUTURE EVENTS. THEY STRESSED THAT THEY DO NOT EXPECT THE MILITARY TO REVOLT, AS IN PORTUGAL, BUT HOPED IT WOULD NOT OPPOSE "THE PEOPLE" EITHER WHEN THE TIME COMES. BOTH CITED THE EXAMPLE OF PORTUGAL WHERE THE MILITARY FACILITATED THE ADVENT OF DEMOCRACY. IBARRURI DIRECTED HER APPEAL TO THE PATRIOTIC FEELINGS OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS SINCE MUCH WILL

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DEPEND ON THEIR ATTITUDE.

4. CARILLO SAID THE SPANISH MILITARY HAD EVERY REASON TO
FEEL AGGRIEVED BY THE FRANCO GOVERNMENT WHICH HAD NEGLECTED
QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE FORCES SO THAT THEY WERE
NO LONGER CAPABLE OF DEFENDING THE NATION; THEY COULD ONLY
SERVE AS POLICE FORCES TO REPRESS THE POPULACE. THE DISMISSAL
OF GENERAL DIAZ ALGERIA WAS A SIGN THE MILITARY FORCES WERE
AWARE OF THE REGIME'S MISUSE.

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